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SUBJECT: IMPROPER USE OF U.S.-SUPPLIED MILITARY HELICOPTERS

1. SENATOR HELMS HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT DURING RECENT MEETING BETWEEN UNGO AND SEVERAL SFRC MEMBERS, UNGO CHARGED THAT U.S.-SUPPLIED MILITARY HELICOPTERS WERE BEING USED TO FERRY CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY OFFICIALS TO POLITICAL RALLIES. WHILE PREPARED TO DISCOUNT UNGO'S CREDIBILITY, HELMS WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE HAD SAME REPORT FROM ANOTHER SOURCE. THE ONE EXAMPLE HE CITED CONCERNED A RALLY HELD IN QUOTE JIQUILISCO, IN THE DEPARTMENT OF USULUTAN... FEBRUARY 26. END QUOTE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THERE IS ANY BASIS TO THESE REPORTS SO THAT WE MAY RESPOND TO SENATOR HELMS. HAIG HAIG

END OF MESSAGE

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